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Mr. Cooper, in a note to the letter, denied having said that the Government drain was defective. As he reported two years ago, he did not consider the public drainage satisfactory, but he was not aware the drain in question was particularly unsatisfactory.

Mr. Ede suggested that the Government have the drain looked to at once. The Sanitary Board was at once in seeing that the private drains were put in order. Mr. Chadwick said the most of the Government drains were unsatisfactory, but it would be a pity to begin here and there, when a complete scheme was to be carried out.

The Chairman said the only thing that they might consider was whether there was any up and down.

Mr. Chadwick promised to see if this was the case.

## THE BAMBOO WHARF NUISANCE.

A letter was laid on the table signed by the owners and occupiers of the premises opposite and adjoining to the Bamboo Wharf near the Praya entrance of the Hongkong Bank, requesting the Board to have the Wharf removed to some other situation, where it would not be the great nuisance it now is. They pointed out that the wharf was erected by the Board for the purpose of dust boats moored alongside. One or two boats remained there all day receiving any kind of refuse or filth, and the sickly and offensive odours therefrom were almost unbearable. Steamships also got up steam, and the thick dense black smoke issuing from them was blown into the offices of the writers to such an extent that they were obliged to close their windows to preserve their books. The letter was signed by Messrs. David Simpson & Co., C. P. Chater, Edward Osborne, for the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Simpson & Co., Weller & Co., Danby Leigh and Orange, Gilman & Co., the Manager of the New Oriental Bank, N. Ede, and Turner & Co.

The Sanitary Superintendent reported as follows on the subject:—Prior to January last no dust boat was stationed at this point during the day, but for many years past there has been one stationed there in the morning. Pending the decision of the Board as to the removal of the wharf, the dust boat will come to the wharf at 7 p.m. and leave at 7 a.m. By this means the servants of the householder in the vicinity will have fairly reasonable means of disposing of house refuse. If they failed to do this, they must go to the next station to the West. Notices have been posted on the wharf informing the boat people that the wharf is a private one. The owners of steam-launches have been requested to direct their servants not to go to this station for their refuse.

It was resolved that the dust boat should leave at 9 a.m. and not return until 5 p.m.

## THE MOSQUE JUNCTION DUST-BIN.

The following letter from Mr. Hopkins to the Sanitary Superintendent was laid on the table:—

Hongkong, July 25th.

Sir,—I beg through you to call the attention of the Sanitary Board to the so-called dust-bin standing at the end of Mosque Junction, with the hope that something will be done by the Board to remove the surrounding community from such a filthy nuisance. You are aware when I first saw the stench was enough to sicken any one. It is less than twenty yards from many houses and less than eighty from many houses and windows. When it was built I applied to the late Surveyor General and requested against it being built in the middle of the street, and I am convinced it was only carried out from pure selfishness and one-man power. I have had sickness to self and family three times and I am sure that dust-bin has been the cause. I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

W. H. Young, Esq.,  
Hon. Sec. pro tem. H. A. C.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

A letter was read from Messrs. D. Simpson & Co. and Hon. C. P. Chater asking the Sanitary Board to carry out the necessary alterations. They believed the drains were unhealthy, but they requested the Board to remove the nuisance as they held a certificate from the Sanitary Board that the drains were carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance. As a matter of fact, they said, the drains were carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance. Under the circumstances, they held that they had complied with the drainage by-law.

The Board resolved that a letter be sent pointing out the differences between the statements made by the architect of the drains, Messrs. Simpson & Co. and Chater and those made by the Board's Surveyor, laying stress on the fact that the things now requested to be done were recommended by the Surveyor as far back as March 1888, and again requesting that the necessary work be executed without delay.

## HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB.

A meeting of members of the Hongkong Athletic Club was held at the Hongkong Hotel this afternoon. His Excellency the Acting Governor presided and there was a very large attendance.

Mr. Young—At the last meeting I was requested to draw up the rules and regulations of the Hongkong Athletic Club. I have done so, and in doing so, I have been very materially assisted by Mr. Francis, to whom the Colony is very much indebted for the very kindly and active interest he has taken in it from the commencement. I have also been assisted by Mr. Francis in the drafting of the rules and regulations printed and circulated freely among you. At the same time I asked you to send in any improvements or suggestions you had to make. Several gentlemen have very kindly done so and they are very valuable suggestions. They have been added to the printed copy of the rules and regulations. These additions will be pointed out to you before we ask you to pass the rules and regulations. We hardly think they should be read as you had a chance to study them. We will pass them by sections.

His Excellency then read out the sections, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association were adopted, with the alterations proposed.

With regard to one of the rules, His Excellency pointed out that if a lease were granted by the Government to the Club, would the Club have the power to dispose of the property granted under that lease, but only of the property over which they had a proper legal control. He had therefore suggested to Mr. Francis, who had taken great trouble in the matter, and did not see any objection, to add the words "in so far as can lawfully be done."

Mr. Francis—The Articles and Memorandum of Association having been approved of, I beg to move that the Association be registered under the Companies Ordinance. Mr. Young seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The following correspondence was then read:—

## THE HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1890.

Sir,—On behalf of this Club I am desired to respectfully direct the attention of the Government to the following:—The Resolution passed at the Public Meeting held on the 16th instant at the Hongkong Hotel.

1st. That the 'Hongkong Athletic Club' be, and the same is, hereby formed.

2nd. That H. E. the Governor for the time being of the Colony, be President.

3rd. That the Hon. A. P. MacEwan be Vice-President.

4th. That the duty of preparing draft Rules, and Regulations be entrusted to Mr. Young; and that a subsequent Meeting be called to consider and approve such Rules and Regulations.

5th. That a notification be published in the local papers inviting Gentlemen who wish to become Members to send in their names to Mr. Young, without delay.

I have the honour to inform you that the Public Meeting referred to was very largely attended by most of the leading residents, and representatives of nearly all classes were present.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government not only honored the Meeting by presiding thereat, but His Excellency also testified his personal interest in the Club by becoming its President.

I now venture to express the hope that the Government will assist us to carry out our scheme into practical effect and to a successful issue by granting us the lease of a piece of ground for the purpose of the Club.

The piece of ground situated in the vicinity of the Race Course and known as the Public Gardens would be a very excellent site.

In connection with this piece of ground I would recall to the notice of the Government the resolution proposed by the Hon. A. P. MacEwan at the Meeting of the Legislative Council on the 12th February last, when His Excellency the Governor and the Members of Council expressed their approval of Mr. MacEwan's suggestion that this ground should be made available to the Community for the enjoyment of healthful exercise.

His Excellency the Governor moreover said that the Council might be put outside of it, instead of through the middle of this ground at a cost of about \$50,000, and His Excellency thought the object would perhaps be worth the money.

I have the honor to point out that should our application for this site be favorably received we shall not ask that the large expenditure of the Government in the purchase of the land be a burden on the Club, but that the Club should be of great benefit to us as we could then provide facilities for Rowing and Swimming.

The intention of the Club is to provide at its own cost a place of healthy amusement and recreation for all classes of the European Community.

For the further information of the Government as to the objects of this Institution I have the honor to enclose herewith the Daily Press report of the proceedings at the Public Meeting before referred to.

I have the honor to enclose a plan of this site showing the manner in which we propose to lay out the Club grounds in the event of our application being successful.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

W. H. Young, Esq.,  
Hon. Sec. pro tem. H. A. C.

## COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

31st May, 1890.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to grant the Hongkong Athletic Club a lease for seven years of that piece of ground at the Race Course to the late Mr. MacEwan, known as the Public Gardens, at a yearly rental of Five dollars.

2. In addition to such further conditions as may be found desirable to insert in the lease I am directed to inform you that the following special conditions are to be inserted in the lease:—

(1) That before the lease is granted the Honorary Secretary of the Club show a list of at least two hundred proposed members; (2) that the Government be at liberty to resume should the Club cease to exist or the ground be required for Public purposes; (3) that the Bamboo Wharf be removed from the site; (4) that the Club be bound to maintain the site in a state of repair for a year or if removed to be at the disposal of the Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

W. M. Drake,  
Act. Colonial Secretary.

## HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1890.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ult., and on behalf of this Club I beg to express to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government our very sincere and hearty thanks for his favorable consideration of our application for a lease of the piece of ground known as the Bowington Public Gardens.

With reference to the proposed period (seven years) of the lease I venture most respectfully to thank the Government for the extension of the lease to seven years, in consideration of the fact that a large sum of money (probably \$10,000) will within a year or two be expended on the ground. As the leading financial supporters of the Club have referred to the comparative shortness of a seven years lease I feel assured that the Government generally will subscribe more liberally and heartily if the Club be granted a lease of twenty-one years. In this connection I would point out that the length of the lease will not be of material importance to the Government in view of the stipulation that the Government be at liberty to resume should the Club cease to exist or the ground be required for Public purposes.

The Club cheerfully accepts the other conditions named, and in conformity with the special condition (1) I beg to inform you that the Club has already begun to make arrangements for the purchase of the ground. It is not a particular Club that we are now supporting, but we are supporting the Club which has been formed by the Government and which we are bound to support.

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I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

W. M. Drake,  
Act. Colonial Secretary.

W. H. Young, Esq., &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1890.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th inst., and on behalf of the Hongkong Athletic Club I have the pleasure in accepting the same. I have the honor to inform you that the Club has been formed by the Government and which we are bound to support.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

W. H. Young,  
Hon. Sec. pro tem. H. A. C.

Mr. Leigh—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I beg to propose a vote of thanks to the Government for having granted us a piece of ground at Bowington. I am sorry to say the exact nature of this grant is not yet quite settled, though we have presented the date of our meeting twice before you for your approval; but there are many interests involved occupying considerable time to bring them all into accord. I feel assured however that there is not a single member of the Athletic Club who is not spokesman enough to wish that all other clubs and interests, including the Army and Navy, should be satisfied, as well as our own club, and I have every reason to think and believe that this can be done in a manner that will place the Athletic Club in a very satisfactory position as well as being a great and lasting improvement generally. 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